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For: A Companion Cartridge for Disposable
Diagnostic Sensing Platforms

Examiner: Jeffrey N. Fredman

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.